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International migration and development

The Commission on Population and Development,

Recalling the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development adopted at Cairo,[1] in particular chapter X on international migration, and the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action,[2] set out in the annex to General Assembly resolution S-21/2 of 2 July 1999, in particular section II.C on international migration,

Recognizing that the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation are integrally linked to global efforts to eradicate poverty and achieve sustainable development and that the achievement of the goals of the Programme of Action is consistent with and makes an essential contribution to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Recalling the relevant provisions on international migration contained, inter alia, in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development,[3] the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development,[4] the Beijing Declaration and

[1] *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publications, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.
[2] See General Assembly resolution S-21/2 and *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Special Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/S-21/5/Rev.1) and A/S-21/PV.9.
[3] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.
[4] Ibid., annex II.

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Platform for Action[5] and their periodic reviews, and the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance,[6]

Recalling also the 2005 World Summit Outcome of 16 September 2005,[7]

Recalling General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields,

Recalling also all General Assembly resolutions relevant to international migration and development,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 58/208 of 23 December 2003, 59/241 of 22 December 2004 and 60/227 of 23 December 2005, which are relevant to setting up and organizing the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development during its sixty-first session, which will discuss the overall theme of the multidimensional aspects of international migration and development in order to identify appropriate ways and means to maximize its development benefits and minimize its negative impacts,

Reaffirming the resolve expressed by the Heads of State and Government[8] to take measures to ensure respect for and protection of the human rights of migrants, migrant workers and members of their families,

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[9] the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,[10] the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women[11] and the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[12]

Recalling also the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families,[13] which entered into force in July 2003,

Recalling further the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the supplementing protocols thereto, namely, the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air,[14]

Acknowledging the important nexus between international migration and development and the need to deal with the challenges and opportunities that

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[5] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

[6] Report of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban, 31 August-8 September 2001, A/CONF.189/12 and Corr.1, chap. I.

[7] See General Assembly resolution 60/1.

[8] See the United Nations Millennium Declaration, General Assembly resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000; and the 2005 World Summit Outcome.

[9] General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

[10] General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

[11] General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex.

[12] General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex.

[13] General Assembly resolution 45/158, annex.

[14] General Assembly resolution 55/25, annexes I to III.

migration presents to countries of origin, transit and destination and recognizing that migration brings benefits as well as challenges to the global community,

Bearing in mind that policies and initiatives on the issue of migration, including those that refer to the orderly management of migration, should promote holistic approaches that take into account the causes and consequences of the phenomenon, as well as the full respect of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of migrants,

Recognizing that remittance flows constitute one of the important aspects of international migration,

Noting that the proportion of women and girls among international migrants amounted to nearly 50 per cent in 2005 and deeply concerned about the risks that women and girls, including women migrant workers, are exposed to in the context of migration, such as gender-based discrimination, multiple aggravated forms of discrimination, violence, including sexual violence, migrant smuggling, trafficking in persons, commercial sexual exploitation and economic exploitation, sexual abuse and other forms of abuse,

Recognizing that the increasing feminization of international migration requires greater gender sensitivity in all policies and efforts related to the subject of international migration,

Recognizing the impact of migration on the effectiveness of public services, and the need to address, as appropriate, worker shortages, including health and education workers, giving appropriate attention to enhancing the capacity of developing countries in this regard,

Noting the efforts of Member States, relevant United Nations bodies, agencies, funds and programmes, and international and intergovernmental organizations, including the International Organization for Migration, in convening events at the national, regional and international levels with a view to advancing the dialogue on the issue of international migration and development,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring[15] and on the monitoring of population programmes,[16] both focusing on international migration and development, and noting the report of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,[17]

Taking note also of the report of the Global Commission on International Migration entitled *Migration in an Interconnected World: New Directions for Action*, noting its contribution to the debate on international migration and development, and taking further note of the report as an input for consideration at the High-level Dialogue,

1. *Reaffirms* the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development[1] and the key actions for its further implementation;[2]

[15] E/CN.9/2006/3.
[16] E/CN.9/2006/4.
[17] E/CN.9/2006/5.

2. *Acknowledges* the important contribution provided by migrants and migration to development in countries of origin and destination;

3. *Recognizes* the need for Member States to consider the multidimensional aspects of international migration and development in order to identify appropriate ways and means of maximizing its development benefits and minimizing its negative impacts;

4. *Requests* States to effectively promote and protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants regardless of their immigration status, especially those of women and children, in conformity with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the international instruments to which they are party;

5. *Reaffirms* the responsibility of Governments to safeguard and protect the rights of migrants against illegal or violent acts, in particular acts of racial discrimination and crimes perpetrated with racist or xenophobic motivation by individuals or groups, and urges them to reinforce measures in this regard;

6. *Recognizes* that trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants continues to pose a serious challenge to humanity and requires a concerted international response, and urges to that end all States to devise, enforce and strengthen effective measures to prevent, combat and eliminate all forms of trafficking in persons, to counter the demand for trafficked victims and to protect the victims, in particular women and children subjected to forced labour, or sexual or commercial exploitation, violence and sexual abuse;

7. *Requests* all Member States, in accordance with their relevant international obligations and commitments, to promote cooperation at all levels in addressing the challenge of undocumented or irregular migration so as to foster a secure, regular and orderly process of migration;

8. *Calls upon* States that have not yet done so to enact domestic legislation and to take further effective measures to combat and prosecute international trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants;

9. *Reaffirms* the right of Governments to enforce their migration laws, consistent with their international obligations;

10. *Invites* Governments, with the assistance of the international community, where appropriate, to seek to make the option of remaining in one's own country viable for all people, in particular through efforts to achieve sustainable development, leading to a better economic balance between developed and developing countries;

11. *Calls upon* States to facilitate family reunification in an expeditious and effective manner, with due regard to applicable laws, as such reunification has a positive effect on the integration of migrants;

12. *Recognizes* the importance of public awareness of opportunities, limitations and rights in the event of migration;

13. *Urges* Member States and relevant international organizations to incorporate a gender perspective in all policies and programmes on international migration in order to, inter alia, reinforce the positive contributions that migrant women can make to the economic, social and human development of their countries

of origin and their host countries as well as to strengthen protection of women migrants from all forms of violence, discrimination, trafficking, exploitation and abuse, by promoting their rights and welfare, while recognizing in this regard the importance of joint and collaborative approaches and strategies at the bilateral, regional, interregional and international levels;

14. *Reiterates* the need to consider how the migration of highly skilled persons and those with advanced education impacts the development efforts of developing countries;

15. *Acknowledges* the need to analyse the impact of certain forms of temporary migration and return migration;

16. *Reaffirms* that there is a need to address and to promote conditions for cheaper, faster and safer transfers of remittances in both source and recipient countries and, as appropriate, to encourage opportunities for development-oriented investment in recipient countries by beneficiaries that are willing and able to do so;

17. *Invites* the countries of origin and destination, in accordance with domestic legislation, to undertake appropriate measures to facilitate the contribution of migrants and migrant communities to the development of their countries of origin;

18. *Recalls* the commitments of the 2001 United Nations Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS[18] to develop and begin to implement national, regional and international strategies that facilitate access to HIV/AIDS prevention programmes for migrants and mobile workers, including the provision of information on health and social services;

19. *Invites* Governments to set up, or where they already exist and where necessary, strengthen relevant institutions and mechanisms for, inter alia, data collection, analysis, the subsequent elaboration of policies, programmes and projects, their monitoring and evaluation, including by improving skills and increasing resources, to provide timely, reliable and disaggregated information, including, inter alia, sex- and age-specific information, on international migration flows in countries of origin, transit and destination and their effects in development, and in this regard invites the international community to provide financial and technical assistance to developing countries;

20. *Invites also* relevant international organizations and multilateral institutions to enhance their cooperation on methodologies for collection and processing of statistical data on international migration and the situation of migrants;

21. *Encourages* efforts by Member States and the international community to promote a balanced and comprehensive approach to international migration and development, particularly by building partnerships and ensuring coordinated action to develop capacities, including for the management of migration;

22. *Invites* Governments, where appropriate, to consider the linkages between international migration and development in policy formulation by, inter alia, promoting collaboration and coordination in a comprehensive approach at the national level among the governmental authorities in charge of international

[18] General Assembly resolution S-26/2, annex, para. 50.

migration, those focusing on development or development cooperation, and other relevant policy areas;

23. *Recognizes* the need to take concrete actions to strengthen bilateral, regional and international cooperation and dialogue in the area of international migration and development and, where appropriate, to develop and implement national policies and cooperative strategies to ensure that migration contributes to the development of both countries of origin and countries of destination;

24. *Urges* the relevant United Nations bodies, agencies, funds and programmes, and other relevant intergovernmental organizations working on international migration, including the International Organization for Migration, to enhance within their respective mandates the coordination of their activities, and to strengthen cooperation and collaboration;

25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his substantive work on international migration and development and, in collaboration with other relevant international organizations, funds and programmes, to continue assessing progress made in achieving the goals and objectives on international migration and development set out in the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits;

26. *Looks forward* to the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development that the General Assembly will hold at its sixty-first session;

27. *Recommends* in this regard that the Economic and Social Council transmit the report of the thirty-ninth session of the Commission to the High-level Dialogue.